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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - NON-ALIGNED WORKING PAPER FOR
DRAFT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE
TIMOR

REF: (A) USUN 6901 (NOTAL)

(B) USUN 6915

(C) USUN 6816 (NOTAL)

(D) USUN 6914

1. AT CONCLUSION OF AFTERNOON UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)
MEETING DECEMBER 18 (REF D), COPIES OF "NON-ALIGNED WORKING
PAPER" CONTAINING DRAFT SC RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR
WERE DISTRIBUTED TO SC MEMBERS. THIS TEXT (REF B) IS SOMEWHAT
MODIFIED VERSION OF THAT ACQUIRED BY USUN ON DECEMBER
18 BEFORE START OF MORNING UNSC MEETING (REF A).

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2. MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE APPEARS TO BE DELETION

OF OPERATIVE PARA 4 CALLING FOR "IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WITHIN EAST TIMOR."

3. FOLLOWING AFTERNOON UNSC MEETING, UNSC PRESIDENT RICHARD (UK) INVITED US, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESIDENT'S CHAMBER FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON "NON-ALIGNED WORKING PAPER." FOLLOWING VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED:

(A) UK (RICHARD) EXPRESSED STRONG MISGIVINGS OVER DELETION OF PARAGRAPH CALLING FOR "IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES." HE BELIEVED DELETION REFLECTED A VIEW THAT THERE COULD BE NO CEASEFIRE SO LONG AS INDONESIAN FORCES REMAIN IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. UK (MURRAY) SUGGESTED THAT DELETION INTENDED HELP FRETILIN UNITS MAINTAIN COHESION SO THAT FRETILIN COULD STEP IN AGAIN SHOULD INDONESIANS DEPART.

(B) ITALY (VINCI) FELT IT UNFAIR THAT DRAFT "DEPLORES" BOTH PORTUGUESE AND INDONESIAN ACTIONS. VINCI FELT THAT "NOTING WITH REGRET" SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "DEPLORES" AT START OF OPERATIVE PARA 2 REGARDING PORTUGUESE. FRANCE (LECOMPT) AND SWEDEN (SUNDBERG) TENDED TO AGREE.

(C) ADDITIONALLY, VINCI SUGGESTED THAT OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3 MIGHT WELL BECOME PREAMBULAR PARAS SINCE THEY DO NOT CALL FOR ACTION.

(D) FURTHERMORE, VINCI SUGGESTED THAT WORDING OF THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ ALONG LINE: "HAVING HEARD THE REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL PARTIES OF EAST TIMOR." HE REASONED THAT THE FRETILIN, APODETI, UDT, AND KOTA REPRESENTATIVES HEARD BY THE SC WERE BY NO MEANS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR".

(E) FRANCE (LECOMPT) SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH FROM THE NOW DORMANT JAPANESE DRAFT (REF C) MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE PREAMBLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED DRAFT: "BEARING IN MIND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER TO UNDERTAKE ALL EFFORTS TO CREATE CONDITIONS ENABLING PEOPLE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TERRITORY TO EXERCISE FREELY THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE AND ORDER."

(F) US (SHERER), UK, AND OTHERS ALL POINTED OUT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ASKING UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT FACT-FINDING ON THE GROUND IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR SO AS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. RICHARD OUTLINED FOLLOWING COURSE OF UNSC CONSULTATIONS
FOR DECEMBER 19:

(A) RICHARD WOULD CONSULT FIRST WITH PORTUGUESE AND
INDONESIANS TO GET THEIR REACTIONS TO NON-ALIGNED DRAFT.

(B) AT 11:00 A.M. RICHARD WOULD CONSULT WITH SC MEMBERS
AS A WHOLE TO GIVE THEM PORTUGUESE AND INDONESIAN REACTIONS.
AFTERWARD, HE WOULD GO AROUND THE TABLE INVITING COMMENT.

(C) FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH SC MEMBERS AS A WHOLE,
RICHARD WOULD CONSULT WITH SC MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY OR IN
GROUPS (E.G. NON-ALIGNED, WEO'S).

5. COMMENT: RICHARD DID NOT KNOW DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY
IN NON-ALIGNED POSITION. HE UNDERSTOOD, THOUGH, THAT TANZANIAN,
GUYANAN, MAURITANIAN AND CAMEROONIAN DRAFTERS WERE PROBABLY
STILL IN LESS THAN FULL AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT. USUN CONSIDERS
SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES EXPRESSED DURING WEO GROUP'S
INFORMAL CONSULTATION ESSENTIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE. HOWEVER,
AS POINTED OUT BY UK (MURRAY), USE OF "DEPLORES" CONNECTION
BOTH PORTUGUESE AND INDONESIANS MAY BE IMPORTANT IN GAINING
INDONESIA'S ACCEPTANCE. INDONESIANS HERE INDICATED TO
US INFORMALLY AND WITHOUT JAKARTA'S REACTION THAT EARLIER
NON-ALIGNED DRAFT ACQUIRED A.M. DECEMBER 18 (REF A)
MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. WE GATHERED TOO THAT EARLIER NON-
ALIGNED DRAFT DID NOT UPSET PORTUGUESE HERE. CONNECTION POSSIBLE
DISPATCH OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE, CHINESE
REPORTEDLY CLAIMING THAT THIS COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE WERE
"DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR" TO INVITE ONE.
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